

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 455 without my signature.

As stated in the veto messages of similar bills last year, this is a surplus property bill and, as such, it should be included in the Department of General Services' annual omnibus bill. Furthermore, the disposal of this property, and all other surplus property should be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The author has not made a compelling case as to why this bill should be treated any differently. Applying the CEQA process to this surplus property prior to sale may result in missed opportunities for the State to reduce its financial obligations under the voter approved Proposition 60A.

As a result, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger